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KILLING TREES TO FOIL INSECTS.

If Oahu were alone in the fight against the Mediterranean fruit fly pest and the Oahu fruit crop alone in danger, the idea of taking the time to attempt to do what other places have tried to do in vain for years and find a parasite might be worth considering. But, at the present time the pest, although confined to this island, a comparatively small one, is threatening every island in the group.

To adopt the radical measure of exterminating the pest by temporarily exterminating the fruit would entail severe losses on Oahu fruit growers, but it would save the fruit growers of the rest of the Territory. The cost of possible extermination now by the most radical method would not be a tenth of what the cost will be to even keep the pest in check when it reaches the other islands, as it surely will if allowed to continue here.

It would probably cost two hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the value of the fruit crops cut away, to carry out a war of extermination on this island against the fruit fly. Two hundred millions would not cover the loss if the fly should find its way from here to California.

It is not our fault that the fly got here; it will be our fault if we let it stay here.—Advertiser.

The idea of exterminating the fruit trees of Oahu as a means of keeping the Mediterranean fly out of the other islands and the mainland, might half do if we had few trees and little fruit. But as things stand, nothing could be more useless. Not only the cultivated trees and fruit must be considered,—property to be paid for if officially destroyed—but, as L. L. McCandless points out, the windward plains are covered with wild guavas, the uplands yield immense supplies of mountain apples, there are many hill kuilanas long deserted where mangoes grow and the gulches are filling with wild fruitage. The Mediterranean fly has its preferences in fruit but when one kind is lacking it attacks another; and if driven out of town and the suburbs by a policy of tree chopping, sawing and burning, it would find enough uncultivated fruit outside to thrive on until the cultivated trees grew again. Then, as Byron O. Clark says, if fruit were gone, soft vegetable tissues might catch it. But why talk about these absurdities that would require millions to carry out and then leave the fly?

As to the results to outsiders the mainland will protect itself as it has long done against our melon fly and Japanese beetle. Regarding the other islands of this group they are at liberty to adopt a fruit quarantine against Oahu if they choose. Probably their supervisors could find people to do quarantine service at each port; and in any event they could hardly expect Oahu to cut down its fruit trees and rip up its back country to give them a very problematical advantage.

The main duty is not to get scared and do the foolish thing, "Near" science humbugs us. It added our heads about the plague and we burnt right and left, unnecessarily, and sent \$3,000,000 worth of property up in smoke. It grieved our rat hopes with Cofer cats. It made us think that mosquitoes didn't fly around the block. Fertilizer was said by "science falsely so-called" to be the only propagating home of the housefly—an insect which thrives in the barren Colorado desert. The weird absurdity of infecting the ocean with cholera from a brook in which germs of the disease had not been really found, has only lately been committed. The fact is we let science pass off its fads on us at its own sweet will and then we go daft and do ourselves damage. Probably, if a yellow fever case happens here we will permit ourselves to be scared to death, forgetting that all the West Indian islands, by taking reasonable precautions, are getting along very nicely, even though next door to the great fever lairs.

Now as to the Mediterranean fly! It exists in all the Mediterranean countries that send as much good fruit to the United States as our market will take. It might kill all that fruit if left alone, but it is not left alone. It is fought by rational methods which preserve the orchard and saves a paying percentage of the crop. As Mr. Clark says, that will have to be done here. We cannot rid ourselves of any of our pests, but we may keep them down, chiefly by importing their natural enemies. That is the main reliance and after that spraying and fumigating. Even though the parasite of the Mediterranean fly has not yet been found, the fact does not signify that this insect is an exception to the general law of nature. Somewhere the natural enemy exists and instead of attacking our trees with the axe we had better spend a little money in searching for something to attack the things that plague them.

CARDINAL MORAN A SEPARATIST.

The late colonial files throw more light, but not a different light, on the activity of Cardinal Moran in the propaganda for Australian separation, the one to which Acting Premier Hughes is tentatively committed. The Cardinal, it seems, opposed the recent celebration of Empire Day and urged in its stead "Australian Day," with a display of Australian flags. May 24, the new date chosen, was observed in all parochial schools. At St. Mary's, the seat of the See, there was a great show of bunting in which the Union Jack was noticeably absent, the Commonwealth ensign and the Irish flag floating together from the high tower. There and elsewhere on Catholic ground the British flag was not hoisted at all. Cardinal Moran himself addressed the children at the Cathedral on the topic of local patriotism and there was singing of the "Australian National Air."

At Bathurst, St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic College announced that it would not recognize Empire Day and the Very Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, president of the College, after describing the Empire-builders as "the men who crushed, on behalf of Chinese cheap labor the Boer republics of South Africa and had persecuted their fellow subjects in Ireland," said:

"Australia, not England, is our children's motherland. Her they should love with the best of their affection. Her flag they must cherish beyond any flag that flies. We make no disguise. The flag of Australian nationhood comes first with us, and on May 24, at St. Stanislaus, at all events, the first lesson of the day shall be devotion unto death, if needs be, to our children's lovely morning land, and the flag that they shall look up to with wistful eyes and greet with exuberant affection, shall be the flag of their young nation bespangled with the stars of the balmy south. When some attempt has been made to attend to this first duty, and the Catholics alone are seriously attempting to do so, then we may emphasize the undoubted obligation of our children to the Empire, but not till then."

Naturally the response to all this by the Empire builders bristles with sharp points. One letter to the editor of the Sydney Telegraph signed "An Indignant Catholic," commends a leader on "The Catholic Church and Empire Day," and says:

"Sir,—The above is the heading to your excellent leader of 23rd inst. But I object. The Catholic Church is in no way implicated in the disloyal actions or sayings of Cardinal Moran or Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, or of the few who profess to follow their lead in this matter. None of them are Australians; they speak for themselves only, and they have no right to speak for Catholic Australians on any subject outside those which they were sent here to teach. If their views were truthfully put before Rome, it is certain that Rome would condemn them, notwithstanding that Rome's writ does not at present run here; witness the Pope's orders on Church music, which are here simply ignored."

The Star is not deeply concerned in all this, though the story may interest the public, but as our previous report of Cardinal Moran's attitude was locally challenged, we simply adduce corroborative evidence.

It is several days since the wreck of the Maine was exposed in the caisson, but no word has come out about the nature of the explosion. Were the ship's ribs blown inward or outward? That is the leading question and the country can afford to go without the news that part of a skeleton has been found in the hull for the sake of hearing how the hull itself shapes up.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

A statesman, wise and hoary, gets up some wondrous scheme to help our land to glory, and make life seem a dream. The people then discuss it about the clanging mart, dissect it seam and gusset, and take it all apart; some say it's wild and woolly, a silly lot of junk; one side declares it bully, the other says it's punk. The man of moderation

cashed in long, long ago; he gave things meditation, and he was always slow in forming his decision important things upon; with clear, untroubled vision he measured pro and con. But now we break our tether when something greets our eyes; we damn it all together, or hand it to the skies. A treaty with the German, a work by Dr. Cook, a policy or sermon, a ball team or a book, we either praise it fully, or say that it is junk; one side declares it bully, the other says it's punk. I'd like to meet a fellow who'd take the middle view, and wave his timberello, and talk an hour or two, and give a demonstration of sense of long ago—the old time moderation that sized up con and pro.

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If \$15,000 would get the natural enemies of our fruit and vegetable pests, the Shippers' Wharf Tax Committee could provide the funds in ten minutes. And it couldn't do better with the money.

The Star's Washington letter shows that Kuhio, at least when the letter was written, still held the wastebasket for the civic center petition.

Injunctions will be more frequent than pests if anybody touches the trees.

It wouldn't do Havemeyer a bit of good to be alive.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

BYRON O. CLARK—As yet I know of nothing that has attacked the papaya Eggs laid by insects in the fruit are destroyed by the pest.

H. M. AYRES—John O'Rourke's new runner, Spring Ban, is an aged chestnut mare by the famous Hand-spring, out of a mare named Ten Ban. She was a useful distance runner in her prime.

C. H. JUDD—Mary Winkelfield and Steel Dust will represent Honolulu in the running division at Maui races. The former is a very fair mare and the latter is credited with being faster than he has yet shown himself to be.

ZENO K. MYERS—Just back from the Coast. Business good everywhere except in San Francisco, Oakland building up wonderfully and the business district extending. Everything in the metropolis waiting on the site for the fair and on the campaign to elect Rolfe mayor.

HENRY DAVIS—Last year if I hadn't been too busy with my auditing I should have sold \$2,000 worth of alligator pears from my Wahiawa place. But I could only go down Sundays, so I disposed of but \$500 worth. I consider Wahiawa the natural place for growing this fruit.

ED TOWSE—The apportionment of funds for agriculture was made, I understand, about three weeks ago by Governor Frear, J. P. Cooke and Dr. E. V. Wilcox. They simply "passed" the item for plant parasites on the ground that there was no money for it in the conservation fund. Other items were omitted, likewise. The House finance committee claimed that the money would be available out of current funds, Members of the apportionment board now claim that Chairman Rice, House finance committee, was in error, Chairman Fair-

"Under The Coconut Tree"

By H. M. Ayres.

The local burglars are earnestly requested to make no clean-ups on Saturday.

What's become of the Boy Scouts? Surely Clean-up Day would furnish a splendid opportunity for them to get into evidence. The trailing of the shy land-shell may afford scientific relaxation but the quest of the emerald salmon-can presents a form of useful and healthful recreation which should not be overlooked by scout-masters.

Had Aviator Masohn made his ascent on Sunday would he not have been in danger of being arrested for being without visible means of support?

Again we ask: What's in a name? The hibiscus generally blooms close to the ground.

What everyone should do before next Saturday morning, includes: Clean up yards—also feet, right and left.

If you've no rubbish to burn you can enjoy the beautiful feeling of duty done by burning the mush.

Clean out the grease-trap and put a fresh piece of cheese in the mouse-trap.

Collect all bills. Let your canine pets share in the laurels of Clean-up Day by affixing a tin can to the tail of each. They will do the rest.

Empty every bottle and demijohn around the house and immediately send them to be refilled. By doing this there will be no danger of their lying around the premises empty and the volunteer clean-uppers will be saved much unnecessary work.

Place a little lime in every glass of spirituous refreshment partaken of during the day.

Fitzsimmons bobs up again in the public prints, did you notice?

It is to be sincerely hoped that the Coronation Day cricket game will not be marred by any violence to the umpire on the part of the players.

Women's clubs, to quote the head-

ing of an article in the morning paper, would certainly be factors were they generally carried.

A sight-shifter: The operating oculist.

McBryde stock should be a favorite investment of the newly-married.

Postcards of Sunday's flying machine are advertised for sale. The flying machine was quite a sell itself.

The teachers of Kalih-waena school gave a picnic on Saturday morning, at Moenulua gardens, to Miss Bertha Scheffler, who has so loyally championed their cause and so unflinchingly borne the results.—Daily Paper.

We wonder if Principal Cox carved the pie or started the round of the loving-cup!

There's an invitation in the booming surf, The water in the bay is blue, It's just the day to steal away— Away in the old canoe; To steal away where the little channels hide In the strong tide's sea-born flow, And the coral heads loom yellowly In the weed-strung depths below.

So put the pole in the old canoe, And with lines and bait aboard, We'll steer for a spot of which I know—

The haunt of a silvery horde; They're waiting for us in their channel home—

To care the back-door show: The tide will soon be falling— Can't you hear the white reef calling. Calling for you and me to go?

We saw a horse-fly this morning, anyway!

Perhaps it was a question of U. S. currency rather than wind currents with the aviators.

"I've got a suit for damages," remarked the man who tore his best suit of clothes on his neighbor's barbed-wire fence!

child of the Senate finance committee, was willing to vote the money out of current revenue.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACTS

The Republican Central Committee met at noon to act on certain names submitted by Governor Frear for appointment.

Action in the matter of the new land commissioner was deferred till a meeting to be held next Monday at noon.

The following were indorsed for re-appointment on boards of license commissioners:

Oahu—C. M. Cooke, C. A. Long, W. E. Brown.

Mau—J. N. S. Williams, George Copp, H. A. Baldwin.

Hawaii and Kauai appointments were deferred till Monday's meeting. W. P. Hala of Hana was endorsed, for deputy tax assessor for the Hana district of Maui. He was the nomination of S. Kellinot, the committee's Maui representative.

As Hala is at present a supervisor a successor will have to be appointed and this matter has been deferred pending Kellinot's recommendation.

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